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Applicants: **Masahiko Mori, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1773**

Application No.: **09/943,229**

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Date: **June 15, 2004**REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF
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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability in the subject application.

The Notice of Allowability erroneously states that the certified copy of the priority document for this application has not been received. For convenience, a copy of the Notice of Allowability is annexed as Exhibit A.

In fact, the certified copy of the priority document for this application (Japanese Patent Appln. No. 2000-264329) and a Claim to Priority were both filed along with this application on August 30, 2001 utilizing the Certificate of Express Mail procedure specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.

For convenience, copies of the first page of the Claim to Priority, priority document, and the requisite Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" are annexed as Exhibit B.

Proof of mailing in the form of the Express Mail receipt is annexed as Exhibit C.

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Proof of receipt of these papers by the Patent and Trademark Office in the form of a copy of the return postcard submitted with this application is provided at Exhibit D. It should be noted that pursuant to the M.P.E.P., this return postcard is *prima facie* proof that the papers in question were received:

If a receipt of any item (e.g., paper or fee) filed in the USPTO is desired, it may be obtained by enclosing with the paper a self-addressed postcard specifically identifying the item. The USPTO will stamp the receipt date on the postcard and place it in the outgoing mail. **A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO.**

M.P.E.P. § 503 (emphasis added).

Thus, Applicants have established that the certified copy of the priority document and Claim to Priority for this application were properly filed in and received by the Patent and Trademark Office.

It also should be noted that Applicants have fully-complied with 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), entitled "Claim for Foreign Priority", which states in pertinent part:

(a) An applicant in a nonprovisional application may claim the benefit of the filing date of one or more prior foreign applications under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(a) through (d) and (f), 172, and 365(a) and (b).

(1)(i) In an original application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the claim for priority must be presented during the pendency of the application, and within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior foreign application. This time period is not extendable. The claim must identify the foreign application for which priority is claimed, as well as any foreign application for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed, by specifying the application number, country (or intellectual property authority), day, month, and year of its filing....

(2) The claim for priority and the certified copy of the foreign application specified in 35 U.S.C. 119(b) or PCT Rule 17 must, in any event, be filed before the patent is granted....

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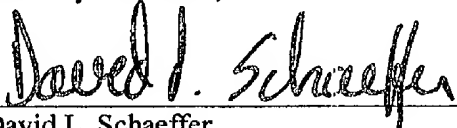
Since Applicants submitted the Claim to Priority and certified copy of the priority document along with the application papers as originally filed, they have fully-complied with Rule 55.

If deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this paper as a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182. Since this paper is necessitated by Patent and Trademark Office error, no Petition Fee is believed to be due, but if the Commissioner deems otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee and any other fees which may be now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration, confirmation that the priority document for this application has been received, and updating of the Patent and Trademark Office's records are respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/943,229

Applicant(s)

MORI ET AL.

Examiner

Stevan A. Resan

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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August 30, 2001

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the following patent application:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	264329/2000	31 August 2000

Priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 of this application is hereby claimed.

Respectfully submitted,



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2000年 8月31日

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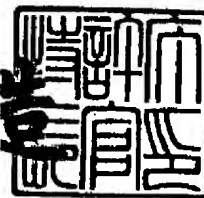
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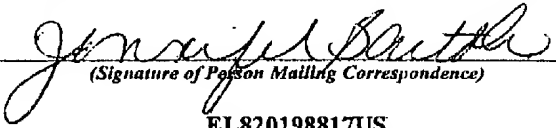
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Invention: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM			
<p>I hereby certify that the following correspondence:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Utility Patent Application Transmittal, Application (34 pages w/cover), Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned), Claim to Priority (w/ Japanese Patent No. 2000-264329).</p></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Identify type of correspondence)</i></p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 30, 2000</u> <i>(Date)</i></p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><p><u>Jennifer Bartolo</u> <i>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p> <i>(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p><u>EL820198817US</u> <i>("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)</i></p></div>			

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Of: Masahiko Mori and Kiyomi Ejiri

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

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Filed herewith in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR §1.10 are:
Specification (cover and 34 pp.); Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
(3 pp.)(unexecuted); Claim to Priority (1 p.); Certified Copy of Japanese Patent
Application No. 264329/2000; Utility Patent Application Transmittal (4 pp.); and
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